

## **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING LOST ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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### **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention is embodied in a system and method for providing ownership identification information of lost electronic devices, such as portable computers, personal data assistants (PDAs) and/or mobile telephones. In general, the present invention is an identification and security system for portable computers, PDAs, mobile telephones or any storage based electronic device to easily allow ownership identification indicia of the device to be easily displayed when the device is lost. In addition, the system securely protects data located on the electronic devices. Namely, an information button can be used to display ownership indicia on the display screen of the electronic device when the information button is selected. This allows the graphical user interface (GUI) of the display to present ownership information, such as the owner's name, contact telephone number, return address, Internet World Wide Web (WWW) pages, etc.